Abingdon Tree Commission Regular Meeting Agenda March 15, 2021 7:30 PM

1)	Roll C	all			
2)	Approval of February 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes				
3)	Petitions and Public Hearings				
4)	Reports to the Commission				
	a)	Tree Give-Away Program Update			
	b)	Tree Removals Update			
	c)	Tree Plantings: Jonesboro Road and Coomes Rec. Center			
	d)	Tree Plantings along VA Creeper Trail			

5) Items Not on the Agenda

Abingdon Tree Commission Regular Meeting Minutes February 15, 2021

Commission Members Present: Mohammed Hasham, Amanda Pillion, Stuart Hale

Commission Members Absent: Ryan Monahan, Chris Sullivan

Town of Abingdon Staff Present: Kevin Sigmon

Public Present: none

1) Roll Call

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with roll call. As noted above, 3 of the 4 members were present and a quorum was achieved for the meeting.

2) Approval of the December 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/21/20 minutes as presented: Ms. Pillion. 2nd: Mr. Hasham. Motion passed.

3) Petitions and Public Hearings

None presented.

4) Reports to the Commission

- 1. **Welcome New Tree Commission Member:** Mr. Hale provided the Commission with his background information.
- 2. **Tree Give-Away Program Update:** Mr. Sigmon stated that several organizations have expressed interest in the program and that contributions are still anticipated.
- 3. **Sports Complex Trees:** Mr. Sigmon stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Sullivan to review the sites along the Creeper Trail and will develop a planting plan. Mr. Sullivan had stated in an earlier meeting that the VA Dept. of Forestry should be able to provide the tree seedlings for this project.
- 4. Jonesboro Road Tree Planting: Mr. Sigmon stated the project is still a go for this spring. Miss Utility has been notified and all underground utilities are being marked. Mr. Sigmon also stated

that John Dew wanted to provide some critical sight distance information for this project before the planting was started.

- 5. **Veterans Park Memorial Tree:** Mr. Sigmon informed the Commission that he has received a request for a memorial tree for the Park. The species is yet to be determined.
- 6. **Species Diversity Guidelines:** Mr. Sigmon informed the Commission of potential changes to the tree diversity guidelines that have been long established. These guidelines are not binding but offer a good rule should additional invasive pests come into this region.

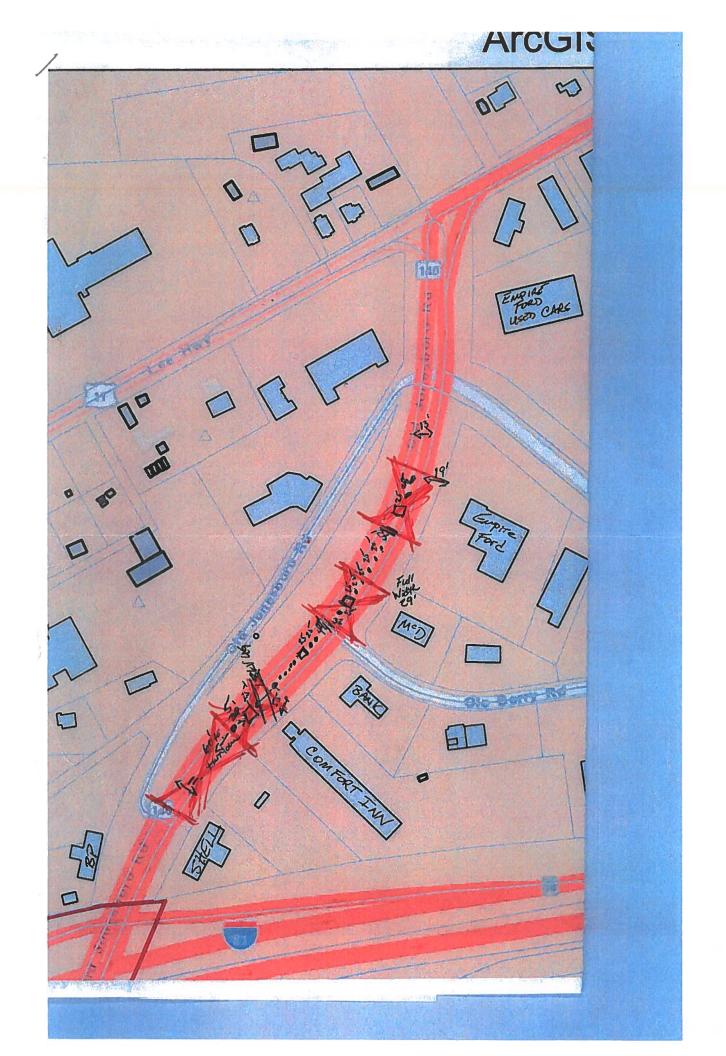
5) Items Not on the Agenda

Ms. Pillion stated that Goodman's Jewelers on Main Street would like the Town to again consider removing the Sycamore tree in front of their building. Mr. Sigmon replied he will look into the matter.

The next scheduled meeting is set for March 15, 2021 on the 1st floor of Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM..





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